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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Task Team V - Biographics

Working Group on Name Finding Activities

Minutes of the First Meeting, 20 May 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1A NSA [REDACTED] Chairman  
25X1A CIA - [REDACTED]  
DIA - [REDACTED]  
STATE - Mr. Mitchell Stanley  
25X1A SS [REDACTED]  
CSS [REDACTED]

25X1A 1. In accordance with the instructions of the Chairman of Task Team V, [REDACTED] called this working group meeting to consider the name finding activities of interest to the Team and to develop whatever additional facts might be useful for the Team report.

25X1A 2. As guests of CODIB Task Team III, the group was briefed by members of ATD concerning the White Stork operation in general and the cross check program at the Library of Congress as well as the TIPS activity at [REDACTED] in particular. The Team was additionally briefed on the CIRC project now being worked on by SDC. Members of Task Team V desiring additional information about these systems may avail themselves of the tape recording which is available from the CODIB Support Staff.

3. After the briefing, the Chairman opened the meeting by referring to the material available bearing on this subject in the SCIPS report. As a result of this conversation, the members agreed to reacquaint themselves with the pertinent details of this report, particularly pages 59 through 70 of Volume II, which was provided all Task Team V members some months ago by the Secretary. Several members of the working group were also provided, after the meeting, copies of SCIPS Report Volumes I and V for their retention.

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25X1A 4. The Team considered what is now available in the way of a listing of the biographic holdings within the Intelligence Community. In response to this question, the Secretary provided the working group members with a summary sheet of the fourteen major positive intelligence biographic files which are filed by names alphabetically and which range from a size [REDACTED] The list also contained the seven largest holdings of positive biographic intelligence files that range from the largest [REDACTED] to the smallest at [REDACTED] These entries were extracted from a larger listing of approximately 185 file holdings identified during the SCIPS fact gathering activities. The group agreed that the extended listing of these files would certainly be of use to the group although it was pointed out by the Secretary that the information is already two years old. The Secretary was asked to prepare this extended listing for the use of the group.

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5. The Chairman next raised the question as to what has happened to the Committee for the Exploitation, Foreign Language Publication, a CODIB-sponsored group which had been meeting until a year or so ago to exchange information in this field. The reason that the Chairman raised this was that recently certain organizational elements in the FDD unilaterally decided to stop collecting information on personalities from certain foreign publication sources on military rank lower than colonel grade in contrast to the prior policy of collecting biographic information on field grade and above military personalities. The point was that a working group operated in this area might have surfaced this decision before it was made final to the detriment of other sister record keeping activities.

6. The group next focused on the problem of defining the problems in this area. Means for discovering these were discussed. The suggestion was to monitor a few typical requests to see what each organization could produce. It was not clear what a "typical request" might really be. The group was asked by the Chairman to consider the general problem of the groups and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss this in more detail.

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Secretary

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